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Documents AA-AD and AF-AG were cited in a French Search Report dated August 13, 2003. A copy of the search report is also enclosed.

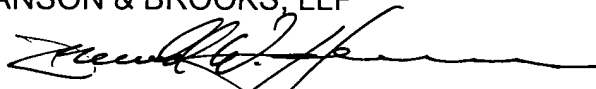
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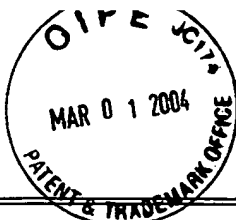


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